

REMARKS

In this RCE application, applicant attaches the required I.D.S. Statement and overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, of claims 1 and 9 as indefinite.

Turning, now, to the rejection of claims 1-6, 8-14, 16, 20-31 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), these have been amended more clearly to define over the fixed electronic grid locations in the Blume system.

Through the applicant's particular use of bar code indicia, applicant avoids the necessity of a fixed x/y grid as in Blume and permits flexibility in the location of the indicia on the page.

The specific bar code utilization is specified in newly presented claims 32-38.

Even if Blume were to somehow incorporate bar coding, which the Office proposes in connection with the §103 rejection of claims 7 and 15, the Blume patent makes clear that if optical recognition is also used therein it does not use the content of the indicia and it still must use the "x/y location detection" (0039 through 0041) which is very different from applicant's claimed different use of bar code.

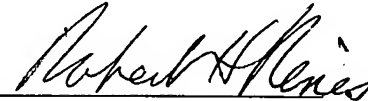
This is altogether apart from the fact that the general statement of bar code in the Williams patent in no way provides the details for adequate anticipatory teaching of applicant's type of claimed bar code control.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1- 38, particularly as amended, thus appear to be in order and their allowance is accordingly respectfully requested.

Any costs for this amendment, the RCE request, the IDS Statement, and any required time-extension fees, petition for which is hereby made, are to be charged to Deposit Account No. 18-1425 of the undersigned attorney.

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